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VIA CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT

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Cecil Pavlat, Repatriation Specialist
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Re: Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption –
in Marquette County, MI
STB Docket No. AB-68 (S&I)

Dear Chairman Payment and Mr. Pavlat:

In response to your letter dated May 23, 2005, we have updated our Salvage Operation Plan to include your comments. Therefore, if any objects or remains covered by 43 C.F.R. Part 10 are unearthed during the salvage operations, the LS&I will take the following actions:

1. Provide immediate telephone notification of the inadvertent discovery, with written confirmation, to the responsible Federal agency official with the Surface Transportation Board, the responsible state officials and law enforcement agencies and the responsible Tribal officials for the Bay Mills Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and
2. Stop the activity in the area of the inadvertent discovery and make a reasonable effort to protect the human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony discovered inadvertently.

Due to this limited abandonment and related salvage operation, we believe the concerns of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians have been resolved. By making the above

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amendment to the Salvage Operation Plan, we have satisfactorily completed all necessary consultations with your office.

If you have any questions, please contact Edward T. Lyons, Jr. or myself at the above address, Tel. (303) 573-1600, or Peter Ray, President of LS&I's at P.O. Box. 2000, Ishpeming, MI, 49849, Tel. (906) 475-3588.

Very truly yours,



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